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Title: Information Sorting Method, Information Sorting Apparatus, and  
Storage Medium for Storing an Information Sorting Processing  
Software Program

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## SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Preliminary to examination please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE TITLE:

Please substitute the following title for the present title:

INFORMATION CATEGORIZING METHOD AND APPARATUS, AND A  
PROGRAM FOR IMPLEMENTING THE METHOD

## IN THE DRAWINGS:

Applicants propose to amend Figs. 1, 3, 8, 9, 10 and 14 as shown on the attached marked-up drawing sheets.

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## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, lines 8-12:

The present invention relates to an information processing method, and an information processing apparatus for presenting a search result in such a way that allows a user to easily see the result, by performing a clustering process on a search result provided by a general-purpose search service, and to a